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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Communication, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206
GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket No. 02-6**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 15, 2010, Steve Traylor, NATOA Executive Director, Joanne Hovis, NATOA Board Member, Mitsuko Herrera, Montgomery County (MD) Cable Communications Administrator, and Sherwin Collette, CIO, Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools, met with Christi Shewman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Baker.

More specifically, we discussed the fact that local governments want and need more options to provide broadband services to schools and libraries. We voiced our support to allow E-Rate funding to be used to lease dark fiber from any source, including municipalities. We also explained the efficiencies in allowing E-Rate funds to be used to lease lit fiber from any source, including municipalities. We explained that this would not only result in decreased costs, but would also move away from the current practice of "siloeing" networks.

We also discussed that local government entities fully understand the financing and costs associated with network construction and operation and that the relationship between school boards and local governing bodies does not create a conflict of interest that would result in an unlevel playing field between municipal and commercial network providers.

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Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this notice in the record for the proceedings noted above.

Sincerely,
/s/ Steve Traylor
Executive Director
NATOA

Cc: Ms. Christi Shewman